

DEAF & DUMB INSTITUTION,  
Dundurn Castle, 1st December, 1866.

To the Wardens, Reeves and Councillors of County Councils, C.W.

GENTLEMEN:

My annual report, now being prepared for the Press, will be submitted for your approval at the meetings of Council in January, next.

To the humane liberality of the Counties' Council of York and Peel, the Co. Councils of Wellington, Norfolk, Simcoe and Halton, may be ascribed the great success which, under God, has attended our efforts in mitigating the evils of "*one of the greatest of human calamities*," which afflict over 800 of our fellow beings, 148 of whom, have been taken out of the bondage of their affliction and restored to the enjoyment of the rights, privileges and immunities of civil life, and made partakers of the promises given to us by the Redeemer of mankind.

I am happy to inform you that the Institution is free from debt, and that our chattels and effects may be valued at \$2,600, the result of two year's labor.

That the Deaf and Dumb Institute is growing in the good opinion of Co. Councils, is evident from the pleasing fact, that Northumberland, Wentworth, Perth, Huron and Bruce, Lambton, Lincoln, Brant, Carleton, Oxford, Elgin and last, not least, Prince Edward, Co. Councils have during the past year given liberal donations, thus recognizing in a substantial form the lasting benefits conferred upon afflicted humanity thro' the agency of our noble institution. This is cheering news and will be hailed with pleasurable emotions by the Councils of York and Peel, Wellington, Norfolk, Simcoe and Halton, whose liberality is above all praise.

Several councils have, I regret to state, adopted the hackneyed phrase, "the Government should make provision for these unfortunates," and like Gamaliel of old "careth for none of these things."

I look forward with confidence for a continuance of that support hitherto accorded.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. B. MCGANN,  
*Superintendant.*

P.S.—*No male pupils over 16 years of age will be admitted into this Institution, after February, 1867.*